

Robert Russa Moton High School HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

Biography of Dr. Carl Harris Marbury

Carl Harris Marbury was born in Leeds, Alabama to the union of Willie H. and Mary Etta Davis Marbury in a family of 12 children on March 24, 1935.

His secondary education was completed in the Jefferson County (Alabama) School District at Robert R. Moton High School where he graduated in 1953. After graduating from Moton, he matriculated to Alabama A & M University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1957.

He continued his education at the following universities which include: Oberlin College, Ohio (B.D. and M.A.), Vanderbilt University (M. Div.), Harvard University (Ph. D.), with further studies at San Jose State University (California), Wayne State University (Michigan) and the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Celigny, Switzerland.

Dr. Marbury has served as a professor at Alabama A & M University, Garrett –Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University (Illinois), Stillman College (Tuscaloosa, Ala.), Alabama State University (Montgomery, Ala.), and as a Distinguished University Professor at Tuskegee University (Tuskegee, Alabama).

He has served as an administrator at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary as Academic Dean and Vice President; as Academic Dean and Vice President of Stillman College; as Assistant Director of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (Montgomery, Alabama), as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Tuskegee University.

In 1987, Dr. Marbury was chosen as the Interim President and of Alabama A & M University, Normal, Alabama. He was installed as the President in 1989. He served in this position until 1991.

Now retired to his hometown of Leeds and serving in volunteer roles as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Birmingham Habitat for Humanity, on the Alabama SEEDCO Policy Advisory Board, and the Leeds Commercial Development Board; as Vice President of the Leeds Public Building Authority (PEBA); as President of CLEAR, Inc. (on community development and revitalization); as Founder/Director of the Leeds Learning Center(on tutoring and mentoring at-risk children); as President of the Leeds Historical Society; as Chairman of the Jefferson County Historical Commission; and as Chief Planner of the newly formed Leeds Holistic Health Center Project.

In 2010, he was presented with the prestigious award of Citizen of the Year for the City of Leeds becoming the first African American to be so honored.

Dr. Marbury provided co-leadership in community efforts to build a new middle school and high school in Leeds, Alabama. Since 2012, Dr. Marbury has served as a Board Member of the Board of Directors for the Huntsville International Research Institute in Huntsville, Alabama.

He currently is leading the community effort to upgrade and renovate the old Leeds Middle School as a civic, educational, recreational and multi-purpose community center named Moton Center (originally the old Robert Russa Moton High School for African American students from 1948 to 1970).

He lives in Leeds and is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Leeds, Alabama.

Dr. Carl Harris Marbury was nominated by Dr. Iburia Hall-Haynes.